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Docket No.: W1878.0240
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Satoshi Yamakawa et al.

Application No.: 10/599,047

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Art Unit: 2157

For: INTERMEDIATE DEVICE WHICH CAN BE
INTRODUCED AND REMOVED IN
SEAMLESS WAY

Examiner: B. J. Rubin

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 22, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 4 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19 of this paper.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

____ If checked, Small Entity status is claimed

	No. Claims After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For		Extra Present		Rate	Additional Fee
Total	35	MINUS	31**	=	4	X	\$50	\$200.00
Indep.	8	MINUS	4**	=	4	X	\$210	\$840.00
First presentation of multiple dependent claim(s)						X		\$
TOTAL								\$1,040.00

* not less than 20

** not less than 3

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CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.